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AT THEIR POSTS

Faced with the Italian invasion of its mission field in Greece and with the threatening situation in the Far East, the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, representing the Congregational Christian Churches of the United States, and meeting for its Plenary Session in Boston, October 30, announced that it "Finds full justification for continuing and strengthening its work in these fields and is determined to do so."

The American Board has received indications that most of its missionaries plan to stay at their work, and the Board approves their decision. In order to enable its active staff in North China and Japan to carry on more freely and effectively, it has recommended that mothers and children with those in poor health, prepare to follow the State Department's advice to withdraw to America. It also has authorized a call for doctors and other essential new workers for these fields.

"These steps have been taken in the conviction that they express the inescapable duty of the Christian church," further states the announcement adopted by the Prudential Committee. "Suffering members of other races need fellowship and help. Missionaries embody the active goodwill of American Christians. Difficulties already face them. There will be increased danger, and there may be suffering and death. There is no honorable discharge from the Church's war against evil, at home or abroad.

"Military disturbances is no new thing for the American Board. Its first missionaries reached British Calcutta on the brink of the War of 1812, and were refused permission to remain. When they attempted to land at Bombay, war was already declared and their first visit was to the police station. Quietly persistent, they stayed on and founded the first mission of the American Board.

"For 128 years the American Board and its missions have weathered revolutions, wars, and massacres. Under the most trying and dangerous circumstances, its missionaries have acted with true heroism, never risking danger for the sake of fame, and never avoiding it where duty seemed to call.

"Pursuing this policy, its missionaries have been quietly at work at their posts in China for the last three years of hostilities, ministering to all suffering people. This witness of the reality of their Christian faith has won the respect of both the people of China and the soldiers of Japan."

The above dispatch from Boston indicates how difficult are these days for missionaries on the field and for officials of the Board. They need and deserve our confidence, our prayers, and our continued support.

DATES SET

It will be remembered by The Pacific readers that at the Conference meeting in Berkeley it was voted to accept the invitation of the Stockton Church for the 1941 meeting. The Conference Board of Directors was empowered to fix the date. After careful consideration, it was decided that we should listen to the plea of the laymen and have the Conference on a week-end as an experiment, in order to give more laymen a chance to attend. The dates finally selected were Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 17, 18 and 19.

WHAT CHRISTIANS CAN DO

Humanity, caught between upper and nether millstones of forces beyond control, is seemingly being ground into pieces. Plunging tanks, diving bombers, blasting Blitzkriegs, maiming, crushing, killing—hundreds, thousands, millions! Juggernauts of undreamed destruction in obedience to leadership that is ruthless, supremely selfish, perhaps insane!

There is no price we would not pay, every one of us, to stop it. How gladly we would give up life itself if sanity could be restored and peace could prevail. But what can the ordinary Christian do in the face of such forces as are now loose throughout the world? If we favor disarmament, seemingly we invite conquest. Peace sentiment and peace societies are submerged by a war spirit that goes beyond anything that even Mars ever imagined. Treaties are broken, published and pledged word trampled.

Is there anything that the Christian can do in the face of all this?

He may remember that we are now seeing the logical and inevitable end of the philosophy that our Master came to overcome; that those who take the sword will one day perish by the sword; that there is no way for the preservation of life and of civilization other than the way of love.

But more than this, there is one thing that he may do—not only one thing—but the only thing that can have any practical, lasting value. And that is to maintain "cells of goodwill,"—tiny organisms of love and fellowship that grow as yeast grows until the whole shall one day be leavened. "Colonies of Heaven" in churches, hospitals, schools, where men and women and youth live the truly normal life, each desiring the good of the other. Small ineffective, unimportant they may seem in the presence of gigantic forces, but there is no other way. If goodwill is not at the heart of the universe we are lost, but if it is, there will be no denying its ultimate success.

Here is where the ordinary Christian takes hold. Here is a definite contribution that may be made. By our gifts to the cause of Christ at home and abroad the spark may be struck, the yeast deposited, the forces set in motion that cannot be limited or denied until the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

(*The editor was asked to write a message for the book "Financing Our Church." In response to a suggestion, the article appears above without the editing which was required to put it on one page of the book.*)

EARL LECTURES

In order to avoid competition with the National Christian Mission, the Pacific School of Religion will not hold its annual Pastoral Conference in February. Instead, the resources of the School will be placed at the disposal of the National Christian Mission. Professors of the School will give seminars. The annual Earl Lectures will be given at the time of the meeting. The lecturer will be Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary. These lectures will be addressed primarily to students of the University of California, but will be open to outsiders, and Dr. Niebuhr will participate in the meetings of the Mission. The pastors of this area will gather for the Mission in Oakland from March 9 to 16.

"Growing Old Gracefully"

Why reckon life in numbered years
And say "I'm growing older?"
Because the house is weather-stained,
Should radiant fires smoulder?
When cheerful thoughts and helpful deeds
Appease the heart's great hunger,
You'll never *think* you're growing old
But *feel* you're growing younger.

(*On a recent railroad train ride, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, faithful member of our Redwood City church and of the Conference Board of Directors, chanced to recite some original lines to the editor. Feeling sure they should be shared by* THE PACIFIC *readers, Mr. Doxsee was good enough to write them down for publication.*)

WHAT YOUR CONFERENCE DOES

1. Supplies direct missionary aid to 19 local Congregational churches, to the Yosemite Park and Sequoia Park Churches, to the Hip Wo School, and to one splendid community and Sunday school project, totaling $6,065.
2. Makes grants in aid to 7 aged ministers and to 6 widows, totaling $1,740.
3. Furnishes leadership to churches to help raise their own budgets. Field Secretary Sherman in the past four years has assisted about 30 churches.
4. Operates 7 young people's assemblies and camps, with total attendance of about 500, whereas a few years ago we had one conference with less than 200.
5. Cooperates with the Federation of Congregational Women and makes regular appropriations for their budget.
6. Arranges for and conducts 5 Laymen's Retreats and 1 School of Churchmanship for Laymen.
7. Young adult movement launched and sponsored.
8. Publishes The Pacific, a splendid monthly newspaper which many pastors and laymen declare is the only paper they read clear through.
9. Pays the per capita dues to the General Council for and in behalf of the churches, amounting to nearly $100 per month.
10. Pays one-half the salary of Art Casaday, who devotes half time to the student work at the University of California, reaching Congregational students who are studying in Berkeley and have come from all over California.
11. Contributes $180 a year to relief and social walfare among the Indians of Modoc County.
12. Provides a Committee on Religious Education which holds institutes and furnishes valuable counsel to churches and church schools.
13. Furnishes helps for evangelism, missionary education, and religious education. Receives, receipts for, and distributes benevolence funds from the various churches. Collects, tabulates, and reports statistics for the Year Book. Arranges schedules for speakers, programs for Association meetings and State Conference.
14. Counsels with churches at times of change of pastorate, maintaining exhaustive files regarding many hundreds of ministers who at one time or another have sought or are seeking pastorates within our borders.
15. Represents the Church Building Society. Assists in campaigns for evangelism, and in building fund solicitations.

1941 GOALS

Twenty-five members and former members of the Conference Board of Directors have carried through almost to completion a most interesting and fruitful visitation. Thirty-two churches were visited by teams of two members each. Groups of leaders met with these teams, and an evening was spent in discussing the work of the Conference and its needs, as well as the plans which each church uses for raising its benevolence budget. Definite goals for the giving in 1941 were suggested. A considerable number of the churches adopted the goals. Others referred the subject to a later and more official meeting. Pastors and lay people, as well as visitors, have testified to the value of these conferences. The churches that could not be visited are being reached by letters addressed to pastor, to president of the board of trustees, to the treasurer, and to the president of the women's society. These churches likewise have been asked to fix defnite goals for the 1941 benevolences.

There was remarkable cooperation on the part of the churches and the team members in arranging their own schedules to permit the visits on the dates suggested by the Conference office. One of the chief advantages of the plan has been that the churches have come to recognize that the work of the Conference is their work, and is not the private enterprise of employed officers.

Growing out of these meetings has come the definite request for publication of facts concerning the program of the State Conference, and they will be found in another column. If churches desire copies for distribution, the Conference office will have reprints made of that article.

WORTHWHILE RETREATS

As the PACIFIC goes to press, three of the five Laymen's Retreats have been held, namely, Lokoya, Marysville, and Saratoga. The attendance thus far has averaged about the same as it was last year at those places. Several who have been present attended a year ago. There have been a good many new faces. The discussions have been on a very high level. The leadership has been appreciated by the men, and the almost universal testimony as written down at the close by those in attendance has approved the idea and expressed belief that such gatherings are most beneficial.

The presence of Professor Arthur E. Holt was much appreciated. To have the contact with a man of his experience and ability has in itself more than warranted the expense of money and time of the men who have come. President Alexander Roberts and Professor Hubert Phillips will take Dr. Holt's place on the team for the Byron and Tulare meetings. Others who have served, or will have served, include Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mr. Harold T. Avery, Mr. George S. Martin, Mr. C. T. Tinker, Field Secretary Sherman, and Superintendent Gill. In addition, members of the Laymen's Commission have cooperated and participated.

Note! If any church in Northern California has any copies to spare of the hymnbook prepared by Miss Juliette Alexander, please communicate with Rev. Tom Watt, 1802 Fairview St., Berkeley.

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Committees of the Board

The Board of Directors of the Conference has made the committee appointments for the new Conference year. It will be remembered that the names of the officers and Board members elected in the Conference meeting in August were printed in the September issue. The committees of the Board are as follows:

Young People's Work: Rev. Victor H. Morgan, Rev. Fred R. Morow, Miss Mary Fulmer, Mr. Ted Nichols, Miss Marjorie Pape, Miss Elizabeth Gill, Rev. A. R. Boone, and Miss Mary Coxhead.

Religious Education: Mrs. Dorothy N. Bennett, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Rev. Verdette Walters, Rev. R. C. M. Fiske, Rev. Augustine Jones, and Mr. Wm. W. Meyer.

Social Action: Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. R. W. Inglis, Mr. F. B. Fulmer, Mrs. Wm. W. Meyer, Rev. D. F. Gaylord, Mrs. J. G. Barnes, and Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk.

Religion in Higher Education: Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Mrs. S. C. Peabody, Mrs. R. C. M. Fiske, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Mr. George S. Martin, and Mr. Edward V. Tenney.

Laymen's Fellowship Commission: Mr. George B. Martin, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Mr. Jack Dennison, Mr. E. B. Kientz, Mr. B. M. Benson, Mr. Peirce Coombes, Mr. C. T. Tinker, and Mr. Robert J. White.

Appropriations: Rev. T. T. Giffin, Mrs. E. V. Krick, and Mr. C. M. Doxsee.

Forward Movement in Churches: Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. T. Torrance Phelps, Rev. J. H. Bennett, Rev. John H. Gregg, and Rev. Charles E. Ward.

World Service: Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Mrs. L. H. Richards, Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Mr. F. H. Seely, Rev. J. H. Kimball, Rev. P. Pierson Parker, and Miss Amy Coe.

Finance: Rev. W. Wallace Furze, Mr. C. S. Morse, Mr. A. W. Moore, Rev. Harley Gill and Major A. J. Watson.

This list should be clipped and pasted in the Conference Hand Book.

Arrival: Bruce Dwight Wilbur

A cable received by the American Board, and advices from other sources, report the safe arrival of Bruce Dwight Wilbur of Taiku, China, on October 17. This is the third child of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur. Mrs. Wilbur will be staying in China probably until the end of her term of service unless the policy of evacuation being recommended by the Government makes it seem necessary for an earlier return.

Y. P. to Meet at Sacramento

Preliminary plans have been made for the forthcoming Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference. The place will be the Pioneer Church in Sacramento. The dates will be from Thursday, December 26 to Saturday, the 28th. The registration fee will be $2.25, which will include the four meals that will be served at the church. The Sacramento people will furnish lodging and breakfast, two nights and two mornings. Rev. R. C. M. Fiske will be the director. The December Pacific will be able to publish the program.

NECK AND NECK

Neck and neck! At the end of the 10th lap, with only two more laps to go. With the closing of the books on October 31, we find missionary giving for the ten months of the year just $4.04 in excess of the ten months of 1939. It is a source of gratitude that we are not behind last year, but this means another deficit unless it can be improved. By making some extra effort, and perhaps by a Thanks With Giving offering during November and December, it is entirely possible to make a substantial increase. Our people have the ability. It is simply a question of getting to them the story of this important work.

Church	Oct. 1940	Jan. 11 to Oct.31,'40	Jan. 11 to Oct.31,'39
Adin	$ 11.00	$ 24.75	$ 40.10
Alameda	220.00	461.56	213.15
Alturas	.....	10.58	28.30
Angels Camp	.....	100.00	95.75
Antioch	6.45	28.95	15.00
Auburn	.....	.....	60.00
Benicia	.....	5.00	.....
Berkeley, First	369.46	3,749.73	3,739.87
North	50.02	518.36	374.35
Park	19.35	48.95	48.69
Campbell	91.00	191.00	112.00
Cedarville	.....	100.00	.....
Cloverdale	9.76	55.29	65.69
Cotati	.....	42.50	21.50
Crockett	.....	55.44	57.48
Eureka	12.74	341.78	310.59
Fairfax	.....	.....	12.50
Ferndale	37.67	183.93	184.51
Fresno, First	138.81	793.12	579.89
Pilgrim	.....	125.10	107.50
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	10.00
Guerneville	.....	6.50	9.00
Hayfork	.....	10.00	3.00
Hayward	.....	200.00	50.00
Kenwood	.....	5.30	.....
Lewiston	.....	.18	.....
Lodi, First	160.00	903.00	655.50
Loomis	3.05	31.30	12.98
Martinez	.....	155.66	201.92
Murphys	.....	77.50	60.00
Niles	.....	8.00	5.00
Oakland, First	416.66	3,769.94	3,533.48
Fruitvale	16.00	0.00	33.00
Pilgrim	3.00	32.58	26.00
Plymouth	66.95	607.03	631.33
Oroville	.....	43.54	24.60
Pacific Grove	22.35	178.80	191.22
Palo Alto	.....	511.00	1,246.63
Paradise	25.00	200.00	105.90
Penngrove	8.50	20.64	15.74
Petaluma	139.97	438.72	436.11
Pittsburg	44.38	141.18	157.25
Port Chicago	.....	.....	6.00
Porterville	.....	230.00	192.50
Redwood City	.....	382.98	462.93
Rio Vista	.....	112.50	90.00
Ripon	39.74	152.50	152.50
Sacramento	42.81	533.14	556.21
Salida	.....	2.00	.....
San Carlos	.....	72.79	66.88
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn Park	71.11	260.15	164.21
Calvary	.....	.....	20.00
First	121.72	1,177.29	1,265.75
Ocean View	25.00	50.00	33.89
Richmond	.....	50.00	.....
San Jose	.....	488.50	595.00
San Leandro	.....	58.91	50.05
San Lorenzo	.....	.....	10.00
San Mateo	.....	408.02	498.60
San Rafael	.....	27.73	15.00
Santa Cruz	120.00	625.00	571.10
Santa Rosa	14.00	150.81	135.38
Saratoga	.....	183.96	331.33
Sebastopol	26.76	132.19	176.91
Sonoma	15.00	74.60	87.35
Soquel	10.97	80.62	75.00
Stockton	53.80	488.27	471.04
Suisun	.....	41.33	35.40
Sunnyvale	6.65	10.21	6.54
Sunol	.....	.....	20.00
Tulare	125.00	294.00	304.00
Weaverville	7.92	77.02	101.29
Woodside	.....	20.00	.....
Reno, Nevada	78.77	359.09	343.29
Miscellaneous and individual	10.00	1,303.30	1,756.10
	$2,641.73	$22,073.82	$22,069.78

FRESNO, ZION. $585.00 was received on Missions Sunday, part of which will help to retire the Building Society loan and the rest will go to benevolences. This was the most successful Missions Sunday that the church has had. Rev. J. N. Sauer is the pastor.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS. This church is responding to the leadership of the new minister, Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler. The offerings on Missions Sunday totaled about $500.

STOCKTON. Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, was highly gratified by a parish visitation which reached every home connected with the congregation and in which 40 women participated.

Pres. McGiffert Available

Our churches are strongly urged to bring into their pulpits sometime during the year, President Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr., of the Pacific School of Religion. Last year, in addition to fifty-six other speaking engagements, Dr. McGiffert preached in twenty-six different churches. If he is to become acquainted with the School's constituency and acquaint it with the school, he will need many more invitations. The conditions on which he prefers to come to a church remain about the same as last year: (1) that he receive no remuneration; (2) that he be permitted to speak on the training of ministers; (3) that the minister of the church will arrange to have the leaders of the church stay for a short time after the service to talk more particularly about the School; (4) that the minister will give a list of names of people with whom the School may correspond.

Rev. George W. Hinman

Just as copy goes to press, word comes of the death of Rev. George W. Hinman at Claremont on October 13. Dr. Hinman had been in ill health for some time, but the end came early in the morning from a cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Hinman is herself under nursing care. Dr. and Mrs. Hinman had a host of friends in northern California, where they made their home for many years while he was Pacific Coast representative of the American Missionary Association. They were members of North Church, Berkeley. After retirement from the American Missionary Association, they lived in China for a number of years, where Dr. Hinman was special financial representative of Foochow College. From this position he returned in 1938, and during recent months has lived at Pilgrim Place.

Rev. Clarence E. Robinson

Rev. Clarence E. Robinson, President of Pike's Peak Bible Seminary, passed away suddenly in his sleep in the early morning of October 13. Dr. Robinson was a school teacher in early life, and he graduated from Lebanon University and from Chicago Theological Seminary. He served in the ministry in Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan before coming to California. In this Conference he served at Grass Valley, Petaluma, the Cupertino Community Church, and San Lorenzo. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Belle Robinson.

SAN CARLOS. Twenty women of the church are taking a religious census of the city to list every Protestant family. Ladies' night at the Men's Club brought an attendance of 98 to hear the Chinese consul of San Francisco. Five young men from the church have entered various branches of the U. S. service during the month. Rev. J. H. Loken is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. Mr. James P. Senter, who serves as pastor at Monte Rio and Guerneville, is moving to Guerneville from Monte Rio. An evening meeting for young people is to be started, and it is hoped that a number of C. C. C. boys from a nearby encampment will be able to attend.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. Average attendance at morning worship during October was 98, at the church school, 48; and at the Christian Endeavor, 15. This represents a substantial increase since the coming of Rev. M. G. Papazian as pastor.

PETALUMA. The church finds it necessary to secure a new furnace, the cost of which, together with a bank loan and a deficit, is being underwritten. Rev. Thomas T. Giffen is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Twenty new members by Christmas is the goal set by the church. The young people are holding suppers every two weeks, followed by a discussion of the theme, "Private Religious Living." A Pan-American luncheon was held by the ladies of the church, using Pan-American themes for decorations and program. The young people continue to publish the *Beacon Light*, a four-page newspaper. Rev. Pierson Parker, the pastor, was a member of the Conference team that visited Sacramento and Sonoma.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Nearly 300 people were present at the World Communion Sunday service. Regular attendance is somewhat larger than a year ago. On Wednesday evenings, there is a series of discussions on "The Contributions of the Negro to American Agriculture," led by Mr. Harold Mason, graduate of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. There is fine music by Negro choirs. The Sunday School is growing. Two or three classes have outgrown their rooms. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is pastor.

FAIRFAX. The Sunday School is growing. The pastor, Mr. William W. Meyer, made 91 calls during October, besides interviews in his study, and his regular visit to San Quentin Prison. The Dorcas Society of the church gave a delightful surprise party and reception to the minister and his wife. Twenty-five people assisted in a cleanup day at the church, greatly improving the property. The young people served as hosts for a very fine Redwood Empire Pilgrim Fellowship rally.

TRINITY COUNTY. New letters for the church bulletin board and a new mimeograph have been purchased at Weaverville. Three new classes have been organized, and new workers secured for the church school. A choir has been organized and a Christmas contata is in preparation. Rev. P. N. Bennett, the pastor, has been handicapped in reaching other communities because of automobile trouble, but now has a good car and will be able to do more in those districts.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Sunday School attendance is increasing and the autumn program is in good shape since there were no vacations during the summer. The installment to the Building Society, due in November, is being raised. On World Communion Sunday there was a splendid attendance, and ten new members came into fellowship. Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, has followed the plan of the National Christian Mission for services during October.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The pastor, Mr. Byron Eshelman, was surprised with a delightful birthday party at the home of the chairman of the trustees, Mrs. Jennie M. Lewis. Finances of the church are in good shape, even after heavy expenditures. The Sunday School is gaining, and the attendance at church is showing an encouraging percentage of young people. The grounds of the parsonage are being improved by the planting of shrubs.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland, pastor, is chairman of the Draft Board for the Alameda district, and also serves as president of the Alameda Red Cross. "Guest Sunday," "Family Day," "Youth Sunday," and "Pastor's Day," have been observed at successive Sunday morning worship periods.

LODI, EBENEZER. This church has called Rev. F. W. Gross as pastor. Mr. Gross has just returned from Argentina, where he was the head of the mission for the German Congregational churches for six years. He was a classmate in seminary of Rev. J. N. Sauer of Fresno.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN JOSE. The Boy Scout Troop, backed by the Men's Club, are renovating their club room. A large room on the ground floor, conveniently near the kitchen, has been redecorated and refinished as a student center for the State College people to come for a quiet place to study, to hold committee meetings, to eat lunch, and to enjoy comradeship. The College Y. W. C. A., is established in an upstairs room with an efficient office and an enlarged social room. The Jewish congregation, whose temple was recently burned, now hold services on Friday evenings in this church. In this way the church is able to reciprocate the hospitality extended by the Jewish Temple some years ago when the Congregational Church was being renovated. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lorbeer have been chosen as foreign representatives of the church, and were guests on Sunday morning, October 13. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

COTATI AND PENNGROVE. Sunday School enrollment at Cotati is now 100, which includes the home department of 15. More than 30 copies of the "Upper Room" are being used for daily devotions. The walls of the parsonage at Penngrove will be refinished with celotex. There are now two junior high groups, one at Cotati and one at Penngrove, and the older young people from both parishes have a combined group. There are between 30 and 40 in attendance at the Penngrove Sunday School. Sunday morning services are held at Cotati, and evening services at Penngrove. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The church is planning to renovate and recondition the old parsonage, which will mean a higher budget for 1941. Girl Scout Sunday brought an increased attendance at the morning service. The church roll is being overhauled, and an earnest effort made to contact all members and to secure attendance. The various departments and organizations are regaining the interest which temporarily sagged during the summer. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, is to deliver the Thanksgiving sermon at the public school and at the Union Church Service.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Early in October, Angels Camp celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the present organization. The new chancel was dedicated and the church now has a most worshipful interior. The social hall, while small, with the new improvements in the kitchen, is both attractive and useful. There are more men taking an active interest in the church than has been the case in many years. Rev. John G. Dickey, the pastor, has been invited to conduct services at the C. C. C. Camp at Calaveras Ranger Station.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A weekday church school has been started, and meets at 3:30 every Friday. The children work on Bible dramatizations, and have worship services, a story hour, and nature study. There is also a splendid arts and crafts class. The Children's Project has the modest budget of $560, of which $250 is contributed through the Thank Offering of the Women's Federation of the Conference. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

LODI. The Women's Association held a very profitable rummage sale. The church was happy to receive a visit by Mrs. Godfrey Matthews and Rev. Gail Cleland in behalf of the Conference Board of Directors. Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, as a member of the Conference Board made visits to Pittsburg, Martinez, and Rio Vista.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. In order that no one be omitted, this church held five communion services on World Communion Sunday. Fifteen new members were received into fellowship. A new feature in the program of the church is a "Popular After Service" at 8:30 in the evening, following a brief service of worship and sermon. At the "after service" special musical programs or speakers are heard. On Sunday mornings at 9:45 a group of young married people engage in Bible study. At the same hour there is a Bible forum led alternately by the pastors, Rev. E. A. Lowther, and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce. On Wednesday evening there is a church dinner and program and on Thursday evening a service of prayer, song, and spiritual message. Dr. Pierce has given valued help in three of the laymen's weekend retreats.

EUREKA. A series of panel discussions are being held Sunday evenings. On one occasion the delegates to the General Council reported; another evening representatives of the Labor Unions discussed "Church and Labor"; on another occasion High School and College teachers presented the theme: "Religion and Education;" a group of lawyers had charge one evening, using "Juvenile Delinquency" as their theme. A fine new young people's society of High School age has been formed. A parent-teachers' tea, sponsored by the teachers of the Sunday School, with a display of religious literature and art, was the first step in the formation of a mothers' group. Rev. Charles H. Hudson's sermons on Sunday mornings continue to reach a very large audience by radio.

RENO, NEVADA. The 15th anniversary of the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. and Mrs. William Moll Case was recognized by many expressions of affection and congratulations by the members of the parish, and by an informal reception following the anniversary service. In the 15 years, 310 members have been received into the church, 120 removed, and 44 deceased. Over $120,000 has been raised for all purposes, of which $20,000 went to benevolences. The Chism family, having a reunion, included the church, and completely filled one wing of the sanctuary at a Sunday morning service.

SUNNYVALE. The upper part of the church steeple has been removed and the entire building repaired and painted. The cost of the improvements was fully covered. At the annual meeting, which was also the thirty-fifth anniversary of the church, reports indicated substantial gain in membership and all bills paid. Recently the choir leader and the pianist were received into fellowship. Rev. J. K. Ballou, pastor, is endeavoring to put THE PACIFIC in every church home.

SAN MATEO. The end of the church building debt is in sight, which will mean that this church will have one of the most attractive and modern buildings in the Conference, paid for. The church now boasts of five choirs, from the adults down to the tiny children. All five will participate in the service the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Monthly church nights are drawing large attendance, and worth while programs are presented. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

RIPON. A delightful church dinner and send-off, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Bentley, was held on October 22. A substantial purse was presented to the Bentleys, together with many expressions of affection and goodwill. Professor Arthur E. Holt gave an address on "The Christian Root of Democracy." The pulpit is being supplied by Mr. W. L. Rowan, a member of the church.

ANTIOCH. World Communion Day was observed, and later in the same day Antioch young people attended and participated in the Upper Bay Rally at Martinez. The young adult group have had two excellent forum meetings, one on juvenile delinquency and the other on settlement work in Chicago. Representatives from six Girl Scout Troops were present on Girl Scout Sunday. Three of the groups were started at the church. The Sunday School has finished a project of building a model of the Tabernacle including linen, embroidery and furniture. A book project has been launched with books on display and available for sale or order; also the various magazines published by our fellowship. Rev. W. R. Steininger is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Not long ago this church entertained a proposal from a nearby congregation of another denomination, looking toward federation. It was thoroughly presented and discussed, but the vote of the congregation, practically unanimous, indicated a belief in the future of Pilgrim Church and a determination to go forward unfederated, and to increase activities. The beginnings of a new young people's society have been made, eleven people united with the church on a recent Sunday including some folk of splendid ability, the old social hall, which has been such a financial liability, is being sold, and plans are under way for changing and improving the remainder of the plant. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is pastor.

MARTINEZ. This church was host to Pilgrim Fellowship rally on Sunday, October 6. A fine group of young people from the Upper Bay churches gathered. Dr. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley gave an address, and then there was a series of group discussions led by Rev. Elmer Benedict, Rev. Rudolph Caughey, Rev. William Steininger, and Rev. Verdette Walters. Rev. and Mrs. V. Walters have presented to the church a memorial cross in loving memory of their son and as a token of appreciation to the church for the confidence and help given them during the two years of their pastorate.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The new kind of Sunday evening service, announced a month ago, wherein the first thirty minutes is in charge of a committee of lay people that provide the program, which is followed by thirty minutes of Scripture study led by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr, is proving valuable and popular, with attendance running as high as 75. Ten new members have been received recently, and three adults and two babies have been baptized. The church has exceeded its goal of ten per cent increase in membership for the year.

SEBASTOPOL. The attendance on World Communion Sunday was a gain of a fourth above the previous month's average. The young people have invited Cotati and Penngrove young people for a Sunday evening service, and the Santa Rosa group for a social. Rev. George E. Atkinson, pastor, reports that the visitors from the Conference Board, Mr. C. M. Doxsee and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, made a splendid impression.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Attendance during October at Sunday morning worship showed a decided increase over previous months. The Christian Endeavor Society has been reorganized. World Wide Communion Sunday was observed, and Loyalty Covenant Cards were signed. Young men and women have formed a Loyalty Club for the purpose of increasing morning attendance. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The seminars on Wednesday evening, an account of which appeared in last month's PACIFIC, have created a wide-spread interest, and have drawn a splendid attendance. Seven new members were received on World Communion Sunday. New hymn books have been purchased and paid for. Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, and Dr. Edith Bryan are keeping office hours for personal counseling. Seven churches and three theological seminaries are cooperating in the Interchurch Hour at 7:30 on Sunday evenings in this church, which is broadcast over KRE. Speakers include Professor Richard Niebuhr, Chaplain D. Elton Trueblood, Professor Arthur E. Holt, Dr. Earl Cranston, President Tully Knoles, and Bishop Edward L. Parsons.

TULARE. October was Tulare's "month at Home," with the church acting as host on October 8 for the Fall Rally of Pilgrim Fellowship, and on October 29 for a similar gathering of the women of the area. The young people enjoyed a dinner prepared by the Tulare mothers, and an interesting evening of entertainment and inspiration. The women were led by state president Mrs. Raymond A. Fuller in a discussion of methods, and heard a program of "Echoes from the General Council." A noon luncheon was served at small tables, each decorated to represent some country or state where Congregational work is carried on, and each table was presided over by a Tulare hostess. Mrs. Arthur L. Rice, wife of the pastor, has been ill but is improving.

PORTERVILLE. A week-long fall church rally, with a home coming dinner, a Pilgrim Fellowship dinner, a Women's Association meeting, a Plymouth Circle meeting, and climaxing with World Communion Sunday, brought attendance for the week to 554. Twenty-four young people attended the fall rally of the Pilgrim Fellowship at Tulare. Blackboards have been provided by the women's fellowship for the Church School. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

RIO VISTA. Devotional literature was sent to the entire church membership prior to World Communion Sunday. The 67th harvest festival drew the largest attendance of recent years. The church auditorium has been beautified by rich new hangings, a gift from the Ladies' Aid. Dorothy Emigh of this church has been elected President of the Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship. Rev. V. H. Morgan is pastor.

WOODSIDE. Plans are drawn and additional property is being secured which will make possible not only an enlargement of the sanctuary but the building of a social hall. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

IMPORTANT: The occurrence of Thanksgiving on the third Thursday of November this year has changed our Federation plans. On the second Thursday, November 14, there will be a business meeting of the Executive Board in the morning from 9:30 to 12, and the usual open meeting of the Federation in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. NO MEETING ON THE THIRD THURSDAY!

FEDERATION FALL MEETING

The Broadmoor women have done it again! Have they, we wonder, a special arrangement wifh the weather man, by which all meetings held with them are blessed with perfect weather? They, at least, are responsible for the beautiful flowers, the warm welcome, and the excellent lunch, which helped to make the fall meeting of the Federation in October so delightful. Mrs. William Davis, the Program Chairman, had prepared a very interesting program on the theme "Open Windows."

As the day wore on, we could see them open before us—into our own country, into China and India. After the worship service by Mrs. Alice Farmer of San Leandro, we were in tune for all that followed. Dr. Arthur Holt, visiting professor at the Pacific School of Religion, and much more besides, told of an outstanding piece of social work in the settlement of Merom, Indiana, with a population of about 450 people. Some years ago this was the great Liberal Arts College, which was closed for lack of funds. Recently a commission, with Dr. Holt at its head, took over the job of making the 27 acres of the college campus, with the two or three buildings thereon, the scene of a different venture: viz. to "place intelligence and inspiration at the service of those who intend to remain in the community" instead of serving as a ladder for those who wish to climb out of rural areas. So conference groups, book clubs, community gatherings for wholesome amusement of many kinds, and a village co-operative self-help system, have been organized. Merom, and places like it, are in key positions today, said Dr. Holt, for the move is toward the small village, rather than to the large city, and the problem becomes that of non-farm rural unemployment.

BonVoyage, Lorbeers

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and we were fortunate in that the water-front strike, which prevented the sailing of the steamer on which Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lorbeer were starting for India, gave us an unexpected chance to hear Mr. Lorbeer. Of the many arresting things he told us, we can give but a sample. India is "booming" toward prohibition; Bombay is the largest "dry" city in the world; due to the attitude toward women, 82% of the women teachers and nearly all of the doctors in India are Christian. Think of the influence they must exert! The plea from the wee ones whom Mrs. Lorbeer has gathered together in the "Birds' Nest" in Pasumalai, was left with us for all the work in India: "In your prayers, us also remember."

Since the meeting, the ship bearing the Lorbeers to their work in India has sailed, and they are now well on their way.

The Soong Sisters

It was most interesting to hear Mrs. A. P. Parker, of San Carlos tell of the famous Soong sisters of China. Mrs. Parker (who is the mother of Dr. Pierson Parker of North Congregational Church, Berkeley) was their teacher in China, knew them intimately, and described them as just as mischievous and spirited as any youngster today in America. The story of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek is more familiar to us through her outstanding position as the wife of the Generalissimo, and her work with, and appeals for, the more than 20,000 orphaned children of China whose support she has undertaken. An incident which Mrs. Parker told from the early life of the second daughter, now Madame Sun Yat Sen, shows that she, too, is wholly devoted to her country. In her youth, she ran away to be married to China's first president, leaving a note to her parents saying: "I shall be all right; don't worry. I am giving myself to my country." When her frantic father finally found her, her reply to his protestations was simple: "I married him because he needs me to help him." The final word from these three indomitable sisters, as Mrs. Parker brought it to us, was the same as comes from everyone who knows China: "The spirit of China will never be conquered."

Wings Over China

Mrs. Stephen Peabody of San Jose had used as her title, "Wings over China," not realizing, she said, that it was the title of a book. Sixteen years ago when, as she said, China had a rickshaw civilization, she used to watch from her window in Peking the whirling flash of pigeon's wings as flocks of them flew from neighboring gardens, disputed the air with each other, and flew back again. These, said Mrs. Peabody, were the years of peace and quiet, the years when the women brought to the temple of the Sleeping Buddha their gifts of gratitude for answered prayers, or their prayers for more favors. Today the wings over China are those of the deadly bombing planes, the "silver death, swan-winged to shadow earth with fear."

LET US SHARE

A number of items of interest have been sent in by Mrs. William Sadler. Some time ago a collection of books for Rev. Frank J. Woodward of Lanao, P. I., was made but it was held up for a variety of reasons. The books were recently sent on their way, carefully packed by Mrs. Sadler and Mrs. J. E. Enman, and a most appreciative letter has been received from Mr. Woodward. Mr. Woodward emphasized the need for still more books, specifying especially table dictonaries, biography, fiction, hymnals, (provided there are numbers of these alike) and — ministers take note — books of sermons. Postage to the Philippines has been greatly reduced, and is the cheapest way to send the books.

When Dr. Mary Branch was out here at the General Council in August, a trunkful of clothing for the students at Tillotson was packed and sent back with her. Outgoing missionaries to China took Dr. Alma Cooke a supply of quinine and (through a special contribution from Plymouth Church) new unbleached sheeting enough for 27 sheets. The sheeting woven in China is too coarse and rough for hospital use.

Finally let us not forget our own particular charges, the Indians of Modoc County. Send to Mrs. Amy Jarman, Alturas, toys, pictures, or clothing, for Christmas. Quilts, also, or pieces for making them, are welcome. Remember: winters are cold in Modoc County!

SONOMA. On World Communion Sunday one person joined on profession of faith and one on reaffirmation. About fifty were present, forty-five of whom partook of communion. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

XMAS GIFTS

Suggested Books for Christmas Gifts Recommended by the Conference Committee on Religious Education.

For children, the littlest ones:

Stories:

I Wonder—by Alberta Munkres $1.00

A Child's Grace—Verses by Ernest Claxton—Photographs by Burdekin....$1.50

Martin and Judy, Vol. I and II by Verna Hills (each) $1.50

The Petersham Books (Bible Stories) (each) .....$ .90

The Christ Child
David
Moses
Joseph .....
Ruth

The Children's Bible — Sherman and Kent ..... $1.00 and $2.50

For Older Children:

The Junior Bible — edited by Edgar Goodspeed $2.50

The Singing Tree—by Kate Seredy $2.00

Copper-Toed Boots — by Marguerite de Angeli

The Giant Who Liked Chocolate Cake — by E. H. Lane $1.50

White Camels and the Singing Sands—by Myrtle Hazlett Dodds $2.00

Child of the Sun — by Margaret C. Edwards $1.75

For Young People:

The Story of Jesus for Young People — by Walter Russell Bowie $2.00

The Yearling — by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

For Mothers and Teachers:

Consider the Children—How They Grow This book by E. M. Manwell and S. L. Fahs goes with Martin and Judy Books above $1.75

Your Child Needs — by Mary M. Chalmers (paper) .....$ .50

Our Little Child Faces Life — by Odell (paper) .....$ .50

The Opening Doors of Childhood — by Lewis J. Sherrill $1.75

When Children Ask — Margueritte H. Bro $2.00

(The above books may be secured through Pacific Book Service if orders are placed early. Allow two weeks for delivery.)

Word reaches THE PACIFIC indirectly of the death of Louis Whitaker, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker, in China. He had been doing relief work, and died of typhoid fever and pneumonia, contracted in the course of his duties.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Rev. T. Torrance Phelps has been preaching a series of sermons using the following subjects: "Why Do We Believe in God?" "How Shall We Think of God?" "How Can We Obtain the Help of God?"

CONGREGATIONALISTS AND WAR RELIEF

Churches and church people, puzzled by the numerous appeals for war relief, will be glad to learn of the steps that were taken at the last General Council meeting and since that meeting, in setting up the Congregational Christian Committee for Assistance to War Victims. It is headed by Rev. Boynton Merrill of West Newton, Mass., and the secretary is Mrs. Royal G. Whiting of New York. The committee has decided that Congregational giving might well be directed to four specific objects, and through organizations already at work, and therefore earnestly recommends that contributions should be sent by churches and individuals through the Conference office or directly to Elbert A. Harvey, Treasurer, 289 Fourth Ave., New York.

The committe will distribute funds among the four causes in accordance with the best knowledge available as to the comparative urgency of needs, but individual designations will be rigidly adhered to.

1. STARVING CHILDREN: Millions of little children in Europe feel the dreadful aftermath of the war. We must feed them through THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE.

2. HOMELESS REFUGEES: Men and women persecuted for their religious beliefs and political utterances and the children made homeless by air raids are coming to the United States for refuge. We must provide it. Funds will go to THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES.

3. IMPOVERISHED EUROPEAN CHURCHES: Poverty and destruction have come to our sister churches in Europe. We must help their work at home and assist them to provide food and shelter for their missionaries isolated abroad. Funds will be divided among three approved agencies.

4. FOOD AND SHELTER FOR THE CHINESE. War is now an old story to China. Each year the suffering becomes more acute. We must bring relief and courage to this great country through THE CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR CHINA RELIEF.

The Conference office will gladly serve as a channel through which gifts may be made, but such gifts do not apply on the apportionment.

"Here lies the tragedy of our race:
Not that men are poor;
All men know something of poverty.
Not that men are wicked;
Who can claim to be good?
Not that men are ignorant; ;
Who can boast that he is wise?
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